

school program and holiday meals and gifts. It is a testament to talent and commitment of the volunteers, staff, and supporters who make Our Daily Bread's what it is today; an organization with the foresight and readiness to take on new problems, while continuing to deliver on core initiatives.

Today, Our Daily Bread provides critical services to the elderly, the working poor, the disabled and the homeless in the Fairfax area. In 2010, Our Daily Bread provided food assistance to 425 families, an 18% increase from the previous year. In addition, 333 families benefited from financial assistance and over 385 families took part in financial literacy training and mentoring, a 73% increase over last year. 4,584 families were served by the holiday program, and 337 children received supplies for school. Over half of those assisted by our Daily Bread's program were children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Our Daily Bread for their commitment to the community. I would also to express my sincere gratitude to the volunteers and staff who contribute their time and energy and also to the Fairfax area business community for the support they provide to this worthwhile cause.

A TRIBUTE TO MAUREEN WALSH,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

Today I pay tribute to Maureen Walsh of Glendale. Along with a successful career in marketing and press relations, from which she is now retired, Maureen has always found time in her life to volunteer. A native New Yorker, when she moved to Glendale in 1988, she became active on the Women's Committee of the Glendale Symphony Orchestra, where she worked on a program that brought music to students in Glendale schools.

For the last several years, Maureen has been enthusiastically involved with the Cabrini Literary Guild in Glendale. The Cabrini Literary Guild is a philanthropic organization organized in 1943, whose mission is to raise funds to support various charities in the Glendale area, such as Loaves & Fishes, YWCA of Glendale, literacy programs, as well as to promote a Writing Award Program with the high schools in the Catholic Diocese of Los Angeles. A member since 1994 and a board member since 1995, Maureen has held the offices of Membership Chair, Writing Awards Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and President. Currently she is First Vice President in charge of programs at the association's monthly meetings and is a participant in the Guild's annual fundraisers.

Maureen joined Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center's Guild in 1999 and went on their board shortly afterward. The Guild's mission is to financially support the Medical Center with its fundraising by making annual pledges—profits from the Gift Gallery and the Guild's annual benefits help make it possible

for the Guild to provide these monetary pledges. Maureen has served as First Vice President and Press Chairman of the Guild, and has acted as Chair or Co-Chair of the annual fundraising events, and is currently involved in the operations of the Gift Gallery.

One of Ms. Walsh's most rewarding activities at the Medical Center is her participation in the Pets with Purpose program. She accompanies her poodle/bichon mix dog, Beau, a participant for nearly five years, as he "makes his rounds" visiting patients in the medical center two Saturdays a month. Maureen is delighted to have the opportunity to help impact the patients' lives and to see the happiness that Beau's visits bring.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Maureen Walsh, for her service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO NATHANIEL
PETERSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a South Carolinian who works every day to make his community a better place for all its residents. Nathaniel Peterson is a well-respected community leader in the Myrtle Beach area and is especially effective as Worshipful Master of Silver Star Lodge No. 333. I believe Mr. Peterson is deserving of our appreciation.

Nathaniel Peterson was born and raised in New York City. He studied at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He worked for nearly a decade with New York City Human Resources Administration/EVR as a Fraud Investigator before relocating to North Myrtle Beach. He currently serves as a financial counselor at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center/Hospital Corporation of America, a position that reflects his dedication to helping others.

When he came to North Myrtle Beach in 2003, Mr. Peterson saw opportunities to be of benefit to the community. He immediately joined Silver Star Lodge No. 333, and within four years was elected Worshipful Master. During his three and half years as the Lodge's leader, Mr. Peterson has organized various events which provide assistance, as well as, recognize individual achievements within the community.

His giving spirit has prompted Mr. Peterson to sponsor a holiday toy drive and initiate outreach programs for families in need. He continues to sponsor the Lodge's annual food drive. He is also responsible for developing the "The 100 Men in Black Unity Service." This program honors men of all creeds regardless of lodge affiliation.

Mr. Peterson believes in giving back to his community, and looks for opportunities to honor others who are doing good works. He has recognized clergy, senior citizens, widows/widowers, teachers, and government officials within the community for their commendable services.

He is also passionate about providing opportunities to young people. In addition to recognizing students for their outstanding aca-

demic achievement, Mr. Peterson began an annual scholarship program in 2009. Each year, the scholarship program assists a graduating high school student achieve his or her dream of going to college.

Wherever there is a need in the community, Mr. Peterson helps to find a way to address it. He recently encouraged members of his Masonic lodge to join him in restoring the home of an elderly woman and her disabled son in the Popular community. He is also a sponsor of the March of Dimes and the Paul Chester Children's Hope Foundation.

Besides his tremendous work with the Silver Star Lodge No. 333, Mr. Peterson is also affiliated with the Holy Royal Arch Masons (Harry T. Ross Chapter No. 54); John O' Floyd Consistory No. 189; A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Shriner Kaaba No. 89; Member of the Order of the Eastern Star Moonlight Chapter No. 168; Knights of Pythagoras Youth Organization JT. Chestnut Council No. 46; and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Conway/Myrtle Beach Alumni)

Mr. Peterson and his wife, Erica, are the proud parents of five beautiful children, which include two sets of twins; Brittany and Briana, 21, Brandon, 16, and Jared and Jordan, 12.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in applauding the community service of Nathaniel Peterson. To all who know him, Mr. Peterson is an encouraging, inspiring, and persistent individual who works tirelessly to improve the quality of life for others. His leadership is a guiding light in the Myrtle Beach community.

JAMES VASQUEZ AND CHRIS
WEAVER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Vasquez and Chris Weaver for their accomplishments at Pueblo Community College. Both were awarded Rising Star Awards, which are given to students demonstrating leadership and academic excellence.

Mr. Vasquez is president of the Pueblo Community College associated student government, and participates in a number of other extracurricular activities. Most notably, he led the school's Thanksgiving food drive, which helped 206 students in need. During that semester he also maintained a 3.2 GPA as a single parent.

Mr. Weaver also held an exemplary GPA and served as vice-president of the associated student government, under Mr. Vasquez. He also represents the school government at the State Student Advisory Council and was named the board's legislative liaison to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize James Vasquez and Chris Weaver for their accomplishments in higher education. There is no doubt they will continue to be leaders in their communities.